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Self-Government be pleased to state whether orders have been passed on the resolution of the Salem municipality, No. R.O.C. 137 G.C. of 1922, dated the 25th December 1921, and the subsequent reminders sent on the 8th May 1922, 13th July 1922 and 13th September 1922 regarding water-supply to private houses in Salem?

A.—The issue of final orders on the letter of the Chairman, Municipal Council, Salem, No. 137 G.C., dated 25th December 1921, regarding water-works by-laws, has been deferred pending the framing of the model by-laws on the subjct which the Government had then under consideration. The model by-laws on this and other subjects have since been drafted and will shortly be published for the guidance of all local bodies in framing their own regulations.

The further communications from the Chairman, referred to by the hon. Member, have been received and replied to.

Building grant to Salem College.

763 *Q.*—Rao Sahib S. Ellappa Chettiyar: With reference to question No. 423 and the reply thereto, dated the 1st September 1921, regarding a building grant to Salem College, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken on the plans and estimates submitted to the Government by the Salem municipality under their letter No. R.O.C. 10 G.C. of 13th May 1922; and

(*b*) whether there is any likelihood of giving the promised grant for the building at an early date as the want of accommodation is very much felt?

A.—In 1913 the Government undertook to construct from Provincial funds a new building for the Salem College, and plans and estimates for the building were prepared by the Public Works Department. Owing to the present financial stringency the scheme, which is estimated to cost over two lakhs, cannot be proceeded with.

Assignment of land to Arundhateyas.

764 *Q.*—Mr. L. C. Guruswami: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(*a*) to state whether any poramboke lands set apart for assignment to the depressed classes have been assigned to the members of the Arundhateya (Madiga) community in the various districts of the Presidency since 1921; and

(*b*) if so, to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Arundhateyas who were benefited by these assignments and the extent of land assigned in each district?

A.—No separate information is available for the extent of land granted to any particular section of the depressed classes.

Adi-Dravida member on the South Arcot District Board and Cuddalore Taluk Board.

765 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: With reference to the answer given by the Government to question No. 664, at the meeting of the Council on

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22nd December 1922, regarding communal representation in the South Arcot Taluk Board, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Adi-Dravida member, referred to in the *Report* forming an appendix to the answer, was not on the District Board when he was a member of the Cuddalore Taluk Board ;

(2) whether he was not a member both on the South Arcot District Board and on the Cuddalore Taluk Board then ;

(3) when he was first nominated to the District Board of South Arcot ;

(4) when he was first nominated to the Taluk Board of Cuddalore ; and

(5) when his place was filled in by another ; and who was appointed in his place and why was he preferred ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Admission of Adi-Dravidas into Chidambaram taluk board office.

766 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) if as in the *Report* appended to the answer given to question No. 664 at the meeting of the Council on 22nd December 1922 "an Adi-Dravida could not be appointed to the Chidambaram Taluk Board as the owner of the rented house in which the Taluk Board office is located had objected to the Adi-Dravida entering the premises", how it was that during the last taluk board elections Adi-Dravida voters were allowed to enter the building and register their votes ;

(2) when this building was rented for the purpose of locating the Taluk Board office ;

(3) whether this was a condition on which the rental agreement was registered ; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the first registered rental agreement giving the date of the registration, etc. ;

(4) if Adi-Dravidas are not allowed into this office building, then how the Adi-Dravida tax-payer is expected to make his payments there ;

(5) how many Adi-Dravidas are registered as voters in the electoral roll of the Chidambaram Taluk Board ; and

(6) the names of Adi-Dravidas, who applied for nomination to the Chidambaram Taluk Board ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Adi-Dravidas in Tiruvannamalai municipal council.

767 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Ramaswami Pillai, an Adi-Dravida, was nominated to the Tiruvannamalai Municipal Council ;

(2) whether it is a fact that the said Mr. Ramaswami Pillai died ; if so, whether an Adi-Dravida has been nominated to that place ; if not, why ; and who was nominated to that place and from what community ;

(3) the number of Adi-Dravidas registered as voters in the electoral roll of the Tiruvannamalai Municipal Council ; and